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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: Curt Wiedenhoefer

Serial No.: 10/084,483

Filed: February 28, 2002

For: TISSUE AND IMPLANT PRODUCT SUPPLY SYSTEM AND METHOD

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS AND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Petition is hereby made to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for a Two Month Extension of Time for responding to the Notice To File Corrected Application Papers dated March 21, 2002, so as to expire July 21, 2002.

Submitted herewith is our Check No. 17960 in the amount of \$200.00, in payment for:

Extension for response filed within second month pursuant to 37

C.F.R. §1.136 (a) and §1.17 (c).

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 19-4375.

In response to the Notice To File Corrected Application Papers, mailed March 21, 2002, and prior to examining the above referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Figs. 1-4 with the enclosed Figs. 1-4.

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Please cancel FIG. 5.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On pages 4-5, please replace the final partial paragraph on page 4 through the first partial paragraph on page 5 with the following (Exhibit I is a marked up version showing changes made):

The present invention is thus a resource tool for medical provider users and supplier sales/marketing representatives alike. Using the present invention, up-to-date product information is instantly accessible through wireless communications or Phone Line modem , even to a surgeon performing surgery in an operating room. Additional advantages are the automation of the documentation and accounting processes between medical suppliers and medical facilities. Such advantages include, for example, an automated accounting process which results in a reduction of data input errors and unrecorded inventory movement. The invention can assist in providing expedited patient diagnosis, up to date product information and automated governmental reporting. It may also be used to show to potential donor families a high standard for care for the movement of donated tissues and may result in improvements in acquisition and distribution of precious donor tissue resulting in increased amounts of donor to patient activity. Appendix I is a table summarizing the supporting features of the present invention and the benefits that accrue to users as a result of these features.

On page 5, please delete the last paragraph.

After page 14, please add the enclosed Appendix I.

REMARKS

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.84, this Preliminary Amendment provides (1) substitute drawings with appropriate margins for FIGs. 1-4, (2) replaces FIG. 1 with a figure containing less text, i.e., only the titles of the screens rather than titles and content, (3) cancels FIG. 5 because it contains excessive text, and (4) amends the text of the specification to include and refer to Appendix I, which contains the text of the canceled FIG. 5. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT I - Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

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